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27. A kit according to Claim 26, containing the nucleic acid probes

Salm63: 5'-TCGACTGACTTCAGCTCC-3'

and

NonSalm: 5'-GCTAACTACTTCTGGAGC-3'

or a nucleic acid probe that differs from Salm 63 and/or NonSalm by a deletion and/or an addition, whereby the ability of this probe to hybridize with Salmonella-specific nucleic acid is maintained, or a nucleic acid that can hybridize with the aforementioned nucleic acids.

Remarks

The specification has been amended to add information on related applications.

Claims 3, 5-10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24 and 25 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies; claims 1-27 are pending.

If there are any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney at (612-349-9587).

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